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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: JOHN M. PEDERSEN *ET AL.*

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FOR: **DRY CONTACT ASSEMBLIES, METHODS  
FOR MAKING DRY CONTACT  
ASSEMBLIES, AND PLATING MACHINES  
WITH DRY CONTACT ASSEMBLIES FOR  
PLATING MICROELECTRONIC  
WORKPIECES**

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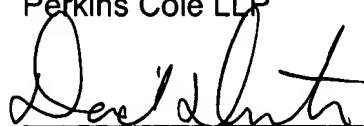
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